(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve its productivity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) In Shipbuilding, the average productivity over the last three ships, built by CSL has been about 53 per cent only. However the performance in Shiprepair Sector has improved considerably and during the year 1987-88, it is likely to exceed targeted figure in financial terms.

(b) Adoption of improved technology in tanker construction, with consultancy of IHI Japan is expected to improve the productivity in Shipbuliding. Government has also sanctioned limited additional facilties for tanker construction in the Seventh Plan which will also result in improved productivity.

Demands of IIT Teachers

2267. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the demands of the teachers of the IIT's are long pending leading to discontentment among them;

(b) whether the Federation of the IIT Teachers had decided to boycott the All-India Joint Entrance Txamination which would affect thousands of students; and

(c) if so the action taken by Government to meet the teachers' demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) to (c) The main demand of the teachers of IITs is for revision of their pay scales and cadre structure. The All India Council for Technical Education has already considered the report of the Dogra Committee appointed by it in this regard for teachers of technical institutions including the IITs. An Empowered Committee has been set up to examine the report of the Dogra Committee and make recommendations. The process of implementation will commence after the recommendations of the Empowered Committee have been finalised and approved by the Government. The Government have not received any communication from the Federation of the IIT teachers about their decision to boycott the JEE-1988.

World Book Fair

2268. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a World Book Fair was organised in New Delhi during February, 1988;

(b) whether public response to the fair was very poor due to bad planning and organisation; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The 8th New Delhi World Book Fair was organised at Pragati Maidan New Delhi from from Feb. 5-15, 1988.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The response from the public was quite encouraging as it is estimated that more visitors came to the 8th World Book Fair than the 7th World Book Fair. From business point of view too, the participation in this fair did much better than in the previous Fair. The National Book Trust constituted a Steering Committee for Planning Monitoring and Execution of the World Book Fair. The work relating to the organisation of the book fair was reviewed by this Committee periodically. Besides display of books, several seminars/workshops on different aspects of publishing were organised during the Book Fair. The Book Fair enable the readers, authors, publishers, liberarians and booksellers to get acquainted with the latest development taking place in publshing and printing industry in India and other countries in the world. The organisation of the World Book Fair was generally appreciated.